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JAPAN OBJECTS TO RATIO OF NAVY CUT

Anglo-Jap Pact Up Again; British Put on 5-5 War- ship's Ratio.

By Charles Michelson
in the Courier-Journal.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The Arms Conference has reached a stage familiar to everybody who has followed the course of international congresses. Everything is in the air and being kept there with a view to compromise later on.

It does not mean that every question will not be satisfactorily settled, or that confusion has overtaken the conference. The various delegations know their way through the apparent maze. The intangible, viscous state of the various questions is simply like the dough, that in the baking becomes firm bread.

This little explanation is necessary lest a recital of the complications that developed today should convey the idea that everything had gone to pot.

The striking and picturesque feature of the day was Premier Aristide Briand's eloquent explanation of France's perils and the reductions in the army she intends to make—though substantial, are not sensational, and the implication that the other countries would stand by her if her perils materialized into attack.

Japan Now Says "No."

Outside the conference oratory were a number of matters of greater importance to the success of the session than land disarmament.

Our naval proposals, which were "accepted in principle" the other day, are fairly in the mixing pot. We stand by our capital ship proportion of "five-five-three," and nowhere along the American line is there any suggestion of weakening.

England is with us as far as "five-five" goes, but is silent about the "three." In other words, she accepts the plan of ultimate equality in our navy and hers, says no more about the interruption of ten-year naval holiday, and will fight it out with us in committee about submarines and cruisers, but she declined to express an opinion as to the merit of our proposal for Japan's navy.

Japan has braced up and tonight let it be known that she will never, never agree to hold her capital ships to 60 per cent of the number allowed to the United States and to England, conveying the intention that, regardless of what happens, she must have 70 per cent and thinks she ought to have 75 per cent.

Chinese Phase Still Snarled.

The Chinese questions are as well snarled as ever. They did, it is true adopt a resolution embracing four general principles for the discussion of Chinese affairs at the meeting of the committee on Far Eastern and Pacific questions but tonight every delegation and its satellites is quarreling over what Elihu Root, who introduced the resolutions, really meant.

Every convention of the myriads that have been about the Far East has carried a provision for respecting Chinese sovereignty—and Japan and the other Powers have helped themselves just the same. The second declaration, might mean that everybody was pledged to get out of China; otherwise, how is she going to be left unembarrassed to work out a stable government?

The third proposal is simply a paraphrase of the "open door" policy, which is no older than the violation of the principle it enunciated.

Lansing Agreement Junked.

The last of the proposals—that the Powers abstain from taking advantage of China's present condition for their special interests, etc., would bar the Japanese, for example, from mixing in the existing political turmoil in China, or intervening if the fighting becomes general, except, of course, that Japan if she did mix would never admit a selfish motive. The Chinese accusation is that Japan fomented a lot of the discord for her own profit.

General as are Mr. Root's four specifications, they seem to accomplish one definite result; they junk the Lansing-Ishii agreement recognizing Japan's special interests in China and make a joke of Japan's "Monroe doctrine for Asia."

That the Japanese do not regard the

proposals as effective against them is evidenced with the alacrity with which they stood with all the other Powers represented at the conference.

Japan Talks Generalities.

All along the Japanese have been contending for general declarations instead of specific enactments on the definite Chinese problems. The resolutions are right in their line, particularly as they do not refer back to anything done in the past. If Japan could get the conference to date Chinese history from today she would be glad to join the others in promising any and all things to China for the future.

The first big fight will come when the attempt is made to resolve the general principles, the obvious start of which process is the delimitation of the boundaries of China.

Japan has never in any of the exchanges admitted that Manchuria, or Mongolia, were Chinese territory. If Japan is given a look in anywhere it will be in Manchuria.

Alliance Bobs Up Again.

The Anglo-Japanese alliance bobbed up again today. A few days ago this was regarded as made for the scrap heap, by consent of the British certainly, and the Japanese probably.

Now, we are back to the policy of Premier David Lloyd George at the Imperial Council, where he explained that while he was not wedded to the alliance he did not wish to offend Japan; likewise England is again honing for a three-nation agreement, the United States to be the third in the Asiatic concert, or even an understanding the five Great Powers represented at the conference, to guarantee the peace of the Orient.

The British say there has been no change in their attitude. If that statement is correct there is not a correspondent in Washington competent to interview a British statesman without an interpreter.

So, all along the line, the conference concert is out of tune. The on-lookers are not even agreed as to what M. Briand got.

From a diplomatic point of view today's plenary session of the arms conference was a vast success. M. Briand is able to return to France with what sounds like a pledge that in the event of her being again attacked by Germany she will have the support of England and the United States.

In the American case particularly, the pledge is vague enough so that the people who always have heart-failure at the suggestion of "entangling alliances" cannot point their alarmed fingers at Mr. Hughes, for taken out of the atmosphere of the French Premier's speech, and divested of the embracing gesture that accompanied it, there is nothing in what the head of the American delegation said to bring the slightest blush to the cheek of the most timid irreconcilable.

MAN LOSES EYE IN HUNTING ACCIDENT

Messrs. James Flenner, John Keown and Ray Dunn of Cromwell, were out hunting Wednesday of last week, when separated by a short distance, the intervening space being obscured by vegetation Mr. Dunn discharged his gun in direct range with Flenner and Keown. The former received among other wounds a shot in one of his eyes. It became necessary to convey the wounded man to Louisville where the eye was removed by a specialist. He is doing nicely and other than the loss of the optic no serious damage will result. Mr. Keown also received some of the shot but no serious damage was sustained by him.

Mr. Flenner, the injured man, is a brother of Mrs. Luther Leach of Hartford.

SECRET WEDDING OUT

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Muriel Wilson, Hartford, to Mr. Hugh Tichenor, of Centertown, has been formally made. The young people motored to Calhoun, October 30th, eluding all friends and relatives, where they were joined in marriage. Each of the newly married people returned to their respective homes and kept the secret until a few days ago. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson of Hartford, and one of Ohio county's popular teachers. She is held in high esteem by all who know her. Mr. Tichenor is a son of Mr. Warren Tichenor, industrious and well thought of by his many friends and acquaintances.

KY. LIGHT AND POWER CO. CHANGES HANDS

Light And Water Plant To Be In
New Hands Dec. 1, W. C.
Logan New Owner.

The Kentucky Light and Power Company, operating the local light and water plant, completed a deal Tuesday by which ownership of the property was acquired by Mr. W. C. Logan, of Prairie, Miss., adjacent to West Point.

Transfer of the Company's property here was made for real estate located near West Point, Miss., consisting of 400 acres, 80 acres of which is bearing alfalfa.

Mr. Logan will assume charge of the Light and Water plant December 1st, and will move his family to this place about the first of the coming year.

The deal by which the properties change ownership was consummated through Mr. S. A. Powell, a real-estate agent, of West Point, Miss.

MRS. U. S. CARSON YIELDS TO MALADY

Mrs. Edessie Carson, wife of U. S. Carson, died at their home in Hartford, Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, after an illness of several months of cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Carson had just turned into the 53rd year of her life. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church South, and in health was useful to her church and the community, always bearing a part in work for the uplift of those about her. She was originally Miss Edessie Duke.

Besides her husband she is survived by two young sons, Joseph and William, and numerous other relatives.

At the time of writing this article, complete funeral arrangements had not been made, although burial will take place at Oakwood, after the conduct of funeral services, at the church.

TWO MEN SLAIN IN BLOODY DUEL

Prestonsburg, Ky., Nov. 22.—In a bitter and bloody duel on the streets of Prestonsburg Monday afternoon, H. D. Conway, 45 years old, mine operator, and A. J. Clark, 36 years old, private detective, both of Garrett, this county, killed each other. Both men were married and had families. What precipitated the quarrel, which was the result of bad feeling of long standing, was not known. After a shot from Conway's repeating shot-gun had torn away most of Clark's right shoulder, the latter grappled with his adversary in attempting to disarm him. Breaking away, Conway shot Clark again. Clark, game to the core, pursued Conway, who fled across the street to a poolroom and locked himself in. Clark forced the door, and, using his pistol with his left hand, shot Conway through the heart.

HARTFORD BOY MAKING GOOD IN UNIVERSITY

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 19.—John Allen Wilson, son of John B. Wilson, of Hartford, is a sophomore in the College of Engineering at the University of Kentucky. He graduated from the Hartford High School in the class of 1920 and entered the University the following September, where he has been making an extremely good record. Mr. Wilson has recently been initiated into the Triangle Fraternity and he is also a member of the Sophomore Engineering Society and of the American Association of Engineers, which has one of the largest memberships of any student activity on the University Campus. He is planning to graduate from the College of Engineering with the class of 1924.

GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM IS SELECTED

The girls' basket ball team of the Hartford High School was selected last Friday afternoon. The first team is composed of the following: center, Myrtle Carter; running forward, Helea Barnett; standing forward, Geneva Howard; guards, Anna-bell King, and Clara Henry. Subs: Bessie Clark and Lena Kirk. The girls have done some hard practice and are in fine shape for a game. There will probably be a Thanksgiving game played here.

FRANCE OPPOSES SUBMARINE CURB

Battleships Hold No Inter- est For Briand; Wants Lighter Craft

Washington, Nov. 22.—"The great battleship holds no interest for France. What we want are submarines, and light swift craft for coast defense."

Thus Premier Aristide Briand summarized for The Courier-Journal tonight his Government's definition of the French naval role. He added that the limitation of submarines proposed by Great Britain was unacceptable to France, first, because it deprived that country of her best means of safeguard at sea and, second, because other nations possibly desirous of building submarines were not represented at Washington and therefore would not be bound by any agreement reached here.

"There are several European Powers which regard the submarine as their best naval weapon," the Premier observed. "Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland all share this view. Moreover, if our submarine strength is limited as the British desire, what is to prevent Germany getting U boats built in the shipyards of those countries, whose output would not be limited since they would not be parties to decisions arrived at by this conference?"

Denies Big Naval Aims.

M. Briand flatly denied the existence, in the official sense, of any such propositions as those published in a New York morning paper today, to the effect that France demanded naval parity with Japan plus the right to construct capital ships to be begun in 1926 but not put in commission until the "naval holiday" ends in 1931 and as many submarines as Britain or the United States would possess under the Hughes plan. The Premier declared that no such thesis had been advanced or adopted by the French delegation, which he added was still studying the question of France's naval requirements.

In another quarter I learn that the story in question emanated from French naval officers who merely voiced their own aspirations to see their country equipped with strong sea forces. As regards capital ships, it is an old saying in Paris that the only reason France needs them is to provide residences for her admirals, many of whom are now homeless as far as fitting naval accommodation is concerned.

M. Briand is no more inclined to approve what one Frenchman today termed "our naval pipe dream" than Arthur J. Balfour was to sanction the British navy men's advocacy of the construction of one capital ship annually during the ten-year building halt.

Warships Building In Abeyance

It was made clear at French headquarters that while the 1912 building programme interrupted by the war still exists, there is no tendency to carry it out, except in the case of those submarines and light defensive vessels for which Britain has always argued, and which Britain has always opposed, since the first Hague conference. The battleship end of the programme is far too costly to be applied at this time.

The Premier let it be understood that a French project for the fixation of the naval status of France and Italy eventually would be reduced, but only when the conference felt that the moment had arrived to take up this matter, left in obsequy at the opening sitting.

Profound satisfaction was expressed in French circles at the reception accorded M. Briand's speech yesterday by the American press. Echoing the same sentiments, the Premier informed me tonight that he considered the reaction to his utterances in the papers as well as in the conference hall of the greatest importance in the maintenance of European peace.

"What has happened is even more important than a general programme covering land armaments," he went on, "because it demonstrates to Germany the continuance of moral solidarity among the Allied and Associated Powers."

"It must be apparent to the Germans that the way in which they are

treated depends solely on them. Our feeling is like that of your soldiers, who felt that they were making war not on the German people but on the Germany of the Hohenzollerns, of militarism and of imperialism. What we are guarding ourselves against is recrudescence, catastrophe to us, of that kind of Germany."

MRS. SMITH FIRST WOMAN ALMS. COMR.

Mrs. Charlie Smith was elected, or chosen County Alms Commissioner and keeper of the poor farm, by the Circuit Court last Friday just prior to adjournment of that body.

Mrs. Smith is the first woman to have been given this position in Ohio county and in so far as our knowledge goes, the first in this section of the state to be entrusted with a similar position. There were twelve or fifteen applicants for the position, but Mrs. Smith, the lone woman, won out. Without speaking disparagingly of any of the other aspirants it goes without saying that the Court could not have made a more suitable selection, as this good lady is, in every particular, suited and well qualified for the important duty of caring for the County's unfortunate.

TO GIVE BAZAAR

Ladies of the Hartford Methodist Church will give a one-day Bazaar, at the church basement, Tuesday, Nov. 29. Many handsome and useful articles will be on sale on this occasion, articles appropriate for everyday use, and for Xmas presents.

As has been their custom for many years, a splendid dinner will be served at noon, and all who partake have assurance in advance that the service will be up to the high standard set. A cordial invitation to all is extended. Receipts are to accrue to the benefit of the church, and the advancement of its work.

1,805 LBS. OF WEED SOLD FROM ONE ACRE

Mr. Watt Stevens of the Dundee country delivered the tobacco grown upon one acre, last Saturday which weighed 1,805 lbs., receiving therefor \$18.00, \$10.00 and \$2.00 for the three classes. The total amount received being \$239.30 for the one acre.

Mr. Stevens has cultivated tobacco upon this particular lot during the past several years. A few years ago he grew burley upon the same plot for which he received \$35.00 per cwt., from the ground up.

23-INCH SNOWFALL IN IDAHO FOLLOWED BY RAIN

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 22.—Snowfall of the last forty-eight hours has already caused considerable inconvenience by the way of delayed trains and swollen streams, railroad and forest service officials report, but the value to the dry farming and grazing interests next spring will be great.

At Idaho City there was a snowfall of twenty-three inches Saturday, but heavy rain has been falling ever since, leaving about ten inches of snow.

LOCAL BUSINESS SCHOOL TO CLOSE NOV. 29

The branch of the Owensboro business school, being conducted at this place, is to close on the 29th of the present month.

Quite a number of young people of this vicinity have availed themselves of the opportunity of obtaining the stenographic and business courses offered in the branch school, just closing.

SCHROPSHIRE

Willie, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Shropshire died at the home of his parents, at McHenry, Oct. 23, 1921, after an illness of five weeks and three days, of a complication of typhoid and pneumonia. Young Shropshire was born Dec. 17, 1908. The remains were conveyed to Aven-senbaugh Cemetery, near Dawson Springs, where funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Lamb and burial took place on October 24th. Besides his parents the deceased is survived by two small sisters.

I have installed a new and up-to-date Hemstitching Machine. Am prepared to do your Hemstitching and Pecot Edging. Bring or mail your work to me. Mrs. W. J. BEAN, Hartford, Ky.

DROP IN ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS

Haynes Predicts More Rigid Enforcement Of The Law.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Roy A. Haynes, Federal prohibition commissioner, in an interview today predicted that the passage of the bill prohibiting prescription of beer as medicine together with the recent arrangements with Canadian authorities to prevent smuggling over the Northern boundary of the United States and a similar tentative arrangement relative to the Mexican border, would make possible a more rigid enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead act.

At the same time Mr. Haynes declared that police statistics upheld the contention that enforcement of prohibition has been efficiently conducted ever since the national law went into effect.

"There has been a decrease of about 60 per cent in the number of arrests for drunkenness under national prohibition," said Mr. Haynes. In fifty-nine cities of the United States, having a population of 300,000 or over, and a combined population of 20,000,000 the official figures show a decrease in arrests for drunkenness from 316,342 in 1917 to 260,169 in 1918, to 172,659 in 1919 and to 169,763 in 1920.

Detroit reduced the arrests for drunkenness from 19,309 in 1917 to 6,244 in 1920.

"The Boston police department reported 5,287 fewer arrests for all causes in 1920 than from drunkenness in 1919. For the State of Massachusetts at large the arrests for drunkenness in 1920 were 32,580 as against 77,925 in 1919.

"In 1917 the arrests for drunkenness in New York were 14,183; in 1920 the number had dropped to 5,813.

"Louisville Ky. reports 3,624 arrests for drunkenness for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919 and only 412 arrests for the same cause for the year ended June 30, 1920.

"The number of cases of intoxication in Cincinnati decreased from 1,470 in 1918 to 335 in 1920."

LOUISVILLE MARKETS

Cattle—Supply fairly good for the day's trading. Little activity noted and prices about on a parity with first day's low time. Prime light butchers, as well as medium kinds, in light demand. Cow trade slow. Undertone weak in the heavy steer division, especially on inbetween grades. Good call continues for the best quality stockers and light feeders at prevailing prices; common trashy kinds slow and uneven. Best milch cows sold about steady.

Quotations: Prime heavy steers \$5 @ 6.50; heavy shipping steers \$5.50 @ 6; medium \$5 @ 5.50; fat heifers \$4.50 @ 6; fat cows \$4 @ 4.50; medium \$3 @ 4; cutters \$2 @ 3; canners \$1.50 @ 2; bulls \$2.50 @ 4; feeders \$5 @ 6; stockers \$3.50 @ 5.50.

Calves: Market steady. Best veals \$7.50 down; medium \$4 @ 5; common \$2 @ 2.50.

Hogs: Trade fairly active, with values steady to 25c off. Top hogs, 165 pounds down, sold at \$7.25; 165 pounds and up \$6.75; throwouts \$5.75 down.

Sheep and lambs: Market generally steady. Best lambs around \$7; seconds \$4.50 @ 5. Best fat sheep \$2.50 down; bucks \$1.50 down.

PRODUCE

Buying prices net to shippers, the shipper paying freight and drayage charges, are:

Eggs: Canned 55c dozen.
Poultry: Hens large 19c lb.; small 15c lb.; large spring chickens 15c lb.; small spring chickens 20c lb.; roosters 8c lb.; ducks 20c lb.; young turkeys No. 1, lb. 28 @ 30c; geese 12 @ 16c lb.; guineas, old \$3 dozen; young \$7.

Country Butter: Pound 21c.

Rabbits: No. 1 grade, dozen \$1.50 @ 2.

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